

Munster Technological University (MTU)

Frequently Asked Questions for CIT Alumni

What are the benefits of MTU for graduates?

- ◆ Given the general recognition of the term 'university', this will ensure international recognition for you, as a graduate, from an employment perspective.
- ◆ MTU will enhance the attractiveness to foreign direct investors of areas of the southwest thus creating employment opportunities for you.
- ◆ Stakeholders across the southwest will be offered access to the entirety of the MTU's capabilities.
- ◆ The development of MTU's digital education strategy will provide opportunities for you across the South West region and beyond to avail of new learning and professional development opportunities.

Can I exchange my CIT qualification for a MTU qualification?

Awards and qualifications are associated with the awarding bodies which were in existence at the time that said awards were conferred. Legally, these awards and qualifications cannot be changed subsequently. Therefore, CIT qualifications cannot be changed to MTU qualifications.

Should I update my CV?

You can update your CV to reflect that you are an alumnus of Munster Technological University (MTU).

Will my alumni mycit.ie email address change?

We are working with our IT Services to identify if we can retain the mycit.ie email address or offer an alternative solution.

As a graduate of CIT will I be kept informed of developments?

The Alumni Office at CIT will frequently update you on MTU developments through the CIT Alumni E-News which is issued every quarter. Please ensure that we have an up to date email address to guarantee that you receive your copy. You can update your email address at <https://www.cit.ie/alumni/updateyourdetails>.

What is the difference between an Institute of Technology (IoT) and a Technological University (TU)?

The main structural difference will be designation as an awarding body in our own right meaning we will be able to award qualifications up to and including PhD (currently as an IoT we must seek delegated authority to make certain awards). There will be greater expectation and recognition of the delivery of high quality research activity, and deep engagement via applied research with stakeholders across the region. As a university we will have the ability to borrow money and will have greater access to funding which is currently only available to universities. As a university we will have enhanced opportunities for collaboration especially abroad where membership of certain organisations and associations is limited to universities.

Why Munster Technological University (MTU)?

The achievement of designation as the Munster Technological University is a key strategic goal for CIT and IT Tralee. Based on international research, the business case and the economic impact study developed we expect that MTU will deliver enhanced employability and international mobility to students and graduates through greater recognition of their qualifications. The MTU will have a substantial economic impact on the region and will contribute both to direct economic activity and economic development. The economic impact study has conservatively assessed that the MTU will deliver an annual economic contribution to the region in excess of €285m.